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COL. DANIEL C. JACKLING



Col. Daniel C. Jackling, the copper magnate of San Francisco, who has sold his yacht *Cypress* to the Russian government for \$650,000. It is said the boat will be converted into a scout cruiser. The *Cypress* is the largest steam yacht ever built on the Pacific coast. She is 266 feet long.

DI.ER WAR FAILURE?

British Claim Less Than One Ship in 100 Torpedoed.

Expected President Will Appear Before Congress Early Next Week—U-Boat Shells Crew.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The British embassy has issued a statement announcing that Germany's "widely advertised campaign of ruthless murder on the high seas" resulted in the loss of less than one ship in every hundred plying in or out of British ports between February 1 and 14.

"During the period in question the following are the figures of ships which have arrived and sailed from ports in the United Kingdom," the report declares.

"Date, February 1 to February 14. Arrivals: 'British, 4,053; allied, 227; neutral, 497; total, 4,777.

"Sailings: British, 3,928; allied, 225; neutral, 361; total, 4,514."

Members of the senate who have talked with administration officials gain the impression that arrangements for the president's appearance before congress probably would be made early next week. Apparently only the president knows just what he will ask of congress, but it is generally assumed that with the session about to end he will seek authority to deal with any situation which may arise as a result of the unrestricted submarine campaign.

SINKS A CROWDED TRANSPORT

Berlin Reports Activities of Submarines in Mediterranean—Two Armed Cruisers Also Sunk.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—A crowded Italian transport has been sunk in the barred zone waters of the Mediterranean by a submarine. It was announced through the Overseas News agency.

In addition to the transport two armed steamers, bearing important cargoes to Saloniki, were destroyed. The agency announcement followed: "In the barred zone waters of the Mediterranean in the past few days a large number of valuable hostile ships have been sunk. Among them were a crowded transport and two armed steamers of respectively 3,000 and 4,500 tons, with important cargoes following were sunk: An Italian steamship of 4,200 tons, the French steamship *Movetaux* of 1,200 tons, and the French sailing ship *Aphrodite*, bound for Italy with 600 tons of iron."

RIKSDAG REFUSES BIG LOAN

Budget Committee of Swedish Congress Rejects Government's Request for 30,000,000 Kroner.

Stockholm, Feb. 22.—The Dagens Nyheter says that the budget committee of the riksdag has rejected the government's proposal for a loan of 30,000,000 kroner for maintaining a neutrality guard. The majority of the committee contended that 10,000,000 kroner was sufficient. According to the paper, the premier may resign if the riksdag supports the action of the committee.

N. Y. FOOD RIOTERS APPEAL TO WILSON

Hungry Women Send Letter to the President and Ask for Aid.

WIVES HOLD MASS MEETING

Committee Appointed to Demand That City Appropriate \$1,000,000 to Be Used Immediately for Buying and Distributing Food.

WHY NEW YORK CITY IS HUNGRY.

New York, Feb. 22.—New York food prices—even those of ordinary vegetables and fruits—seem to increase overnight. A small comparative list of prices a year ago and those quoted today is quite self-explanatory:

	Year Ago.	Today.
Apples (box)	\$1.25	\$2.50
Potatoes (100 pounds)	4.00	11.00
Sweet potatoes (basket)	.40	2.00
String beans (basket)	2.50	12.00
Beets (crate)	.50	2.50
Celery (crate)	2.25	5.00
Lettuce (basket)	1.00	5.00
Spinach (bbl.)	1.75	5.00
Milk (per quart)	.11	.12
Eggs (per dozen)	.22	.60
Bread (per loaf)	.05	.06
Onion (100 lbs.)	2.50	14.00

New York, Feb. 22.—New York housewives, at a turbulent mass meeting following a series of hunger riots, led by women, in half a dozen sections of the city, sent an appeal to President Wilson for relief from the excessive prices of foodstuffs.

Arrangements have been made for a great parade of women and children to march all day through Wall street and at night through Fifth avenue.

A committee was appointed to demand that the city appropriate \$1,000,000 to be used immediately for buying and distributing food among the poor at cost.

Send Letter to President.

The letter to President Wilson follows:

"We, housewives of the city of New York, mothers and wives of working men, desire to call your attention, Mr. President, to the fact that, in the midst of plenty, we and our families are facing starvation. The rise in the cost of living has been so great and so uncalculated for that even now we are compelled to deny ourselves and our children the necessities of life.

"We pay for our needs out of the wages of our husbands, and the American standard of living cannot be maintained when potatoes are 7 cents a pound, bread 7 cents a loaf, cabbage 20 cents a pound, etc. We call to you, Mr. President, in this crisis that we are facing, to recommend to congress or other authority measures for relief."

Price Boost Causes Riots.

The indignation of housewives in the lower East side of Manhattan and the Williamsburg and Brownsville districts of Brooklyn overflowed when the produce peddlers quoted potatoes from 5 to 7 cents a pound. The police estimated that at least 1,000 women took part in the riot in Brownsville. Push carts were overturned and set afire and vegetables were doused with kerosene oil.

Question Up to President.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Despite the international situation, President Wilson found time to study the food conditions out of which riots developed in New York.

Hundreds of letters and telegrams, all protesting against increased living costs, some urging embargoes on foodstuffs, others clamoring for government regulation of prices, were before the president when he took up the problem.

Renewed pressure will be brought upon congress to pass at this session the measure appropriating \$400,000 for an exhaustive investigation of the high cost of living by the federal trade commission. Other legislation looking to a moderate regulation of prices, is said to be under consideration by the president.

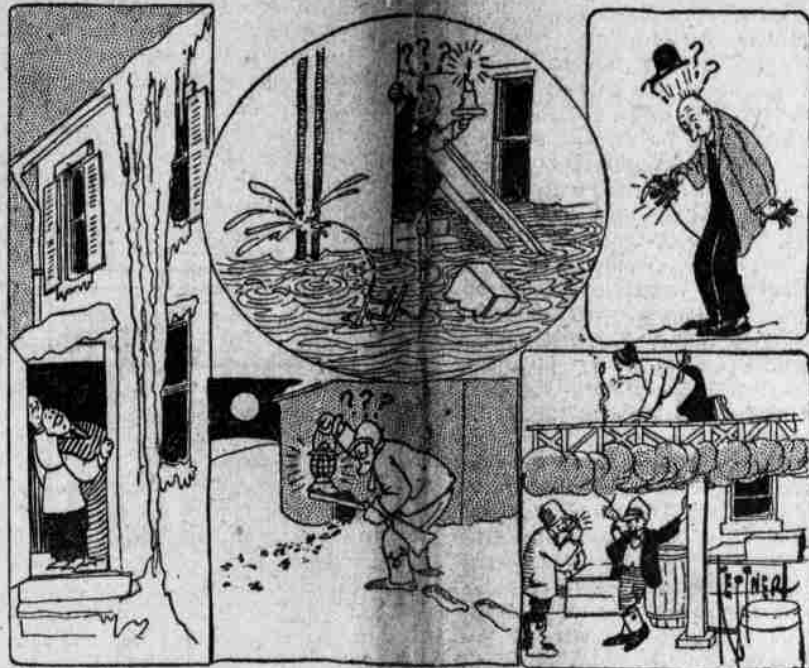
TURKEY TO BACK GERMANY

Constantinople Will Not Waver in Carrying Out the Kaiser's Submarine Warfare.

Washington, Feb. 22.—That Turkey will not waver in carrying out Germany's submarine policy to the letter, with all the means of her disposal, was indicated to the state department in a cablegram from Ambassador Elkus at Constantinople.

The cablegram dispatched via Bern on February 16, told of a vote of confidence given the grand vizier by the chamber of deputies after the government's policy had been outlined.

LEAKS THAT NEED INVESTIGATING



BONE DRY BILL PASSES HOUSE

LIBERAL CONGRESSMEN VOTE FOR PROPOSAL, SAYING IT MAY REPEAL LAWS NOW IN FORCE.

REED AMENDMENT 319 TO 72

Commercial Disasters Are Feared at Capital—Great Loss in Revenue Certain—Publications Carrying Whisky Advertisements Banned.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington.—By a vote of 319 to 72 the House accepted the Reed amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill prohibiting the interstate shipment of intoxicating liquor into dry states and placing a ban on the circulation by mail in dry states of all publications containing liquor advertisements. The House rode straight to its goal, trampling down all efforts to mitigate or delay the drastic provisions of the amendment. The majority was so decisive as to awaken suspicion, even had it been known that many liberals intended to support the amendment on the ground that it will chloroform future prohibition legislation and may cause the repeal of some such laws now in force. As a matter of fact about 100 members of the House normally listed as wet supported the amendment. This group included a number of Tammany Congressmen who are known to be bitter foes of prohibitory laws.

Anarchy Faced By Nation.

Chicago, Ill.—It was authoritatively stated that unless action adequate to solve the car shortage situation has been taken soon, the administration of the Chicago Board of Trade will appeal to President Wilson and Congress to take the situation out of the hands of the railroads and of the Interstate Commerce Commission, as might be done in time of war, and place it in the hands of a body with dictatorial powers for the time being. In a public statement made by J. P. Griffith, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, it is asserted that in addition to 40,000,000 bushels of grain in Chicago awaiting shipment, there are from 50,000,000 to 75,000,000 bushels more in country elevators, held up because of the congestion here.

Wreck Killed or Injured 2,000.

Berlin.—There were approximately 2,000 persons killed or injured in the recent railroad accident near Chirucha, in Northern Roumania, according to the Moscow newspaper *Russkoye Slovo*, as quoted by the Overseas News Agency. Five persons were instantly killed, according to this account. "The train jumped the tracks and the cars were telescoped," reads the summarized account given out by the news agency. "Fire broke out at once in several places and a panic among the passengers ensued."

BRITAIN CLOSES BIG PORT

Plymouth Shut to All Ships Except Those of the Allies, Officially Announced.

London, Feb. 22.—It is officially announced that the port of Plymouth has been closed until further notice to all ships except those of the allies. All other vessels entering the harbor are punishable under the defense of the realm regulations and liable to detention. Plymouth is one of Great Britain's most important naval bases and the site of a great arsenal and dockyard.

TEUTONS BOMB OESEL ISLAND

German Naval Airship Attacks Russian Docks and Military Establishments, Berlin Reports.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—The docks and Russian military establishments at Arensburg on Oesel Island, in the Baltic, were bombed by a German naval airship on the night of February 18, it was officially announced. Good results were obtained. The fire of hostile antiaircraft guns was without effect.

KANSAS IS NOW "BONE DRY"

Law Passes Making It Misdemeanor for Any Person to Have Liquor in Possession.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 22.—The Kansas "bone dry" bill, making it a misdemeanor for any person to have liquor in his possession and prohibiting retail sale of liquor in the state, was passed by the senate this afternoon. It has already passed the house and now requires only the signature of Governor Capper.

M'ADOO'S DAUGHTER ENGAGED

Miss McAdoo to Wed Ferdinand De Mohrenschildt, Second Secretary of Russian Embassy.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Mrs. McAdoo, daughter of the president, announce the engagement of Mr. McAdoo's daughter, Nona Hazelhurst McAdoo, to Ferdinand de Mohrenschildt, second secretary of the imperial Russian embassy in Washington.

STUDY U. S. U-BOAT INQUIRY

Note Under Careful Examination and Will Be Answered When This Is Completed.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—Official announcement was made through the Overseas News agency that the United States submarine inquiry to Austria-Hungary "is actually under careful examination and will be answered when this is completed."

SWEDEN GETS MEXICAN NOTE

United States Minister Delivers General Carranza's Message Seeking End of War.

Stockholm, Feb. 22.—Ira Nelson Morris, the American minister to Sweden, delivered to K. A. Wallenberg, the foreign minister, a note which General Carranza requested the state department to transmit to Sweden. The note deals with the possibilities of bringing about peace in Europe.

BLOCK COVERS WHOLE SEA

Ships Carrying Goods to Enemy Countries Must Put Into Allied Port.

London, Feb. 22.—An order in council was issued by the British government stating that all ships carrying goods to countries having access to nations at war with the allies must put into an allied port for examination. Otherwise the cargoes would be liable to condemnation. The order was issued to prevent ships plying to Holland and the Scandinavian countries for avoiding investigation since Kirkwall, the former port of examination, has been included in the barred-zone waters.

Remove Art Works.

The Hague, Feb. 22.—Many art treasures in Alsace and Lorraine have suddenly been removed to the German cities of Stuttgart and Munich, on orders from German newspapers received here. The reasons were not stated.

SENATE HOLDS UP COLOMBIA TREATY

Refuses to Ratify Pact Despite Peril to the Panama Canal.

WILSON URGES RATIFICATION

President Sends Letter to Senator Stone in Which He Expresses Surprise at Opposition "In View of Unusual Circumstances."

Washington, Feb. 22.—The senate foreign relations committee determined that the long-pending treaty to compensate Colombia for the partition of Panama could not be ratified at this session. This decision was reached after President Wilson's letter urging ratification had been read.

In the letter the president urged Senator Stone to use his best endeavors again to have the pending treaty with Colombia ratified because of possible complications in the Canal zone in case the United States should be at war.

Colombia is resentful toward this country because of the senate's failure to ratify the treaty by which that country was to receive \$15,000,000 for the loss of Panama and canal rights. This was due to the efforts of Republican senators, led by Lodge.

The President Surprised.

The president in his letter to Senator Stone expressed surprise at the opposition to the treaty "in view of the unusual circumstances of the moment." The text of the president's letter given out by Senator Stone follows:

"My dear Senator: I take the liberty of writing to ask you if it will not be possible to press the pending treaty with Colombia again for ratification. I must admit my surprise that there should be any objection to its consideration or to immediate action upon it in view of the unusual circumstances of the moment."

"The main argument for the treaty and for its immediate ratification, is, of course, that in it we seek to do justice to Colombia and to settle a long-standing controversy which has sadly interfered with the cordial relations between the two republics."

U. S. Needs Friends.

In addition to that argument which should be conclusive, there is this only too obvious consideration, that we need now and it is possible shall need very much more in the immediate future all the friends we can attach to us in Central America, where so many of our most critical interests center.

"I would very much like your advice as to this matter. It seems to me that those who oppose this treaty must be thoughtless of the present situation."

"Cordially and faithfully yours, (Signed) 'WOODROW WILSON.'"

TWO U. S. SHIPS DEFY DIVERS

American Line Steamers *Mongolia* and *Algonquin* Sail From New York to London.

New York, Feb. 22.—The first American line steamship to leave this port since the German submarine warfare was issued—the *Mongolia*—is on her way to Europe. She was followed closely by the American freighter *Algonquin*. Both are bound for London, and are the first American vessels to sail from here for a British port since Germany's warning.

BETS TWO TO ONE ON SHIPS

Wall Street Gambles on the Chances of U. S. Ships Escaping Submarines.

New York, Feb. 22.—Bets of two to one have been made in Wall street that neither the *Orleans* nor the *Rochester*, American ships now in the submarine danger zone, will be sunk.

REFUSE TO DEFY TORPEDOES

Owners of American Liners in New York Discharge Cargoes and Pay Off Crews.

New York, Feb. 22.—Shippers who had hoped to send goods to Europe by the big steamships of the American line sailing from this port received definite assurance that the company had no immediate intention of sending out its vessels. This information was derived from a notice that the owners intended to discharge cargoes in the hold of the steamship *St. Louis*, which has been lying here loaded since the beginning of the new submarine warfare.

The greater part of the crews of the *St. Louis* and of the three other American liners, *New York*, *St. Paul* and *Kronland*, have been paid off.

DR. PETER NEGULESEN



Dr. Peter Negulesen, formerly professor of law in the University of Bucharest and high in the confidence of King Ferdinand of Roumania, is now in this country, presumably on a secret mission for that monarch.

WARNS OF FOOD RIOTS

President of Chicago Board of Trade Urges Relief.

Declares Country Faces Anarchy and Revolution in Produce Shortage—Blames the Railroads.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—A warning of "danger of riot and anarchy throughout the land," due to food shortage attributed to railroad congestion, was given to officials of all eastern railroads by President Joseph P. Griffin of the Chicago board of trade.

The interstate commerce commission, as the official federal body charged with power to move foodstuffs in a national emergency, also was notified of impending trouble by President Griffin.

Following is the text of the notice sent to president of the big Eastern railroads:

"Despite all your assurances no relief has been afforded to move grain and other food products out of Chicago. The present scarcity of supplies, bordering on famine in many communities with the consequent inflation of values is directly chargeable to the failure of railroads to meet this national emergency."

"I request that instructions be issued by you forthwith prohibiting the movement of any freight at this time excepting foodstuffs, coal and other commodities necessary to sustain human and animal existence. Unless this is done there is great danger of riot and anarchy throughout this land."

"The present situation is largely caused by railroads giving preference to commodities other than those necessary to maintain life. Failure to meet the situation is squarely up to the railroads."

"(Signed) J. P. GRIFFIN, 'President Chicago Board of Trade.'"

SAYS U-BOAT MENACE GROWS

Sir Edward Carson Sounds Warning in House of Commons—Asks 400,000 Men.

London, Feb. 22.—The German submarine menace to England is growing. That warning was sounded in the house of commons by Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the British admiralty. The admiralty head made his declaration in introducing the naval estimates, which increase the personnel of the navy to 400,000 men.

RELICS OF WASHINGTON SOLD

Portrait by Peale of "Father of His Country" Brings \$6,675—Trunk Sells for \$400.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—A portrait of George Washington by Charles Willson Peale brought \$6,675 at a sale here yesterday of furniture, paintings and colonial relics. The leather trunk which Washington had through the greater part of the Revolution was sold for \$400, and a portrait of James Monroe, painted by Rembrandt Peale, brought \$3,500.

Five Ships Sunk.

Paris, Feb. 22.—The sinking of five ships was officially announced here today. They were the *Mines*, *Skogland*, *Gluseppe*, *Guido* and *Rosalie*.